
And Justice for All Pt. 5

**Ivy Baptist Church Bible Study
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Goals of this series:

- To develop clear definitions of justice from a Biblical sense
- To gain a clear understanding of the responsibility of EVERY believer when it comes to justice
- To identify opportunities where believers (and churches) can bring awareness and (hopefully) change in areas where justice is needed

Today's Study: It's Time for ACTION

- **Matthew 25:31-46: The Sheep vs. The Goats**
- Matthew 25:31-46 is Jesus speaking on what will happen at the end times
- During this time Jesus will separate people on His "right" (sheep) vs people on His left "goats" (vs. 32-33)
- Sheep and Goats are related
- Sheep are seen as docile and dependent on a shepherd
- Goats: Independent and no shepherd
- The Sheep: You fed Me, gave Me drink, took Me in, clothed Me, took care of Me when sick and visited Me in prison
- The sheep: Lord when did we do all of this for You? (vs. 37-39)
- **Jesus said, whatever you did for the LEAST of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me (vs. 40)**
- The Goats: Depart from Me, you who are cursed and will enter into eternal FIRE with the Devil and his angels (vs. 41)
- You did not do ANYTHING for Me! (vs. 41-43)
- Lord? When did we see you like this? (vs 44)
- **You didn't take care of others so you didn't take care of ME (vs. 45)**

Jeremiah 22:3: This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place

- Do what is just and right; **That's a COMMAND**
- Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed
- Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, fatherless or widow
- Do not shed innocent blood in this place

Galatians 6:9-10: 9Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10Therefore as we have the opportunity let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers

- Don't get tired of doing good! Stick with it!
- As you continue to do good a HARVEST will come if you don't give up!
- Justice: Do good to ALL people!
- Especially those who are believers in the faith!

Conclusion on It's Time for ACTION!:

- Your ETERNAL destiny is based on JUSTICE and how you treat others (Matthew 25)
- Being just and right is NOT an option for believers (Jer. 22:3)
- Keep blessing others even when you are tired. Harvest is coming! (Gal. 6:9-10)